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CONCLUSIONS WERE

SIMILAR:

--PREVIOUS PDPA FEARS HAVE BASED IN THE LAST TWO YEARS

(FOLLOWING SCOPACHEV'S FEBRUARY 8 ANNOUNCEMENT)

BECAUSE OF PAKISTAN'S INSISTENCE ON A NEW GOVERNMENT

IN KABUL. PDPA FIGURES BELIEVE THIS WILL ISOLATE

PAKISTAN INTERNATIONALLY AND CONTRIBUTE TO TENSION

BETWEEN THE GOP AND DIVERSE GROUPS OF MUJAHIDIN AND

AMONG THE MUJAHIDIN THEMSELVES.

--HIS PDPA CONTACTS BELIEVE THAT ANY ALTERNATIVE

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GOVERNMENTAL SCHEME WOULD HAVE TO BE PUT TOGETHER UNDER

GOP PRESSURE AND, THEREFORE, WOULD PROMOTE RESENTMENTS.)

--THE PDPA HAS BEEN TOLD BY THE SOVIETS THAT RA FORCES

HAVE BEEN WELL-EQUIPPED, EVEN IF GENEVA IS SIGNED.

THE SOVIET STATE, THE USSR WILL ALWAYS BE NEARBY WHILE

THE U.S. IS FAR AWAY AND WILL BECOME INCREASINGLY

IRRELEVANT ONCE ITS ARMS SUPPLIES ARE CUT OFF.

--THAT CONFIDENCE IS BEING BOOSTED

BY PERSONNEL CHANGES TAKING PLACE. HE CITED THREE

EXAMPLES--THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, THE MINISTRY

OF COMMERCE, AND THE PEDAGOGICAL INSTITUTE. IN ALL

THREE LOCATIONS, HE SAID, NEW SOVIET-TRAINED AFGHAN

OFFICIALS (THOUGHT TO BE ASSOCIATED WITH THE USSR)

IN SOME CASES, NOT PDPA PARTY MEMBERS) RECENTLY HAVE

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ORDERED FOREIGN (BUT NON-SOVIET) TRAINED MID-LEVEL
AFGHAN OFFICIALS INTO MILITARY SERVICE. SOME OF THESE
OFFICIALS HAVE TOLD THE COUNTRY TO AVOID SERVICE.
(COMMENT: #1 RECENTLY RECEIVED A REPORT FROM A SEPARATE
SOURCE INDICATING THAT MANY DIVISION CHIEFS HAD
"DISAPPEARED" FROM THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE.) REMOVED
OFFICIALS. [REDACTED] ARE BEING REPLACED BY

STUDENTS RETURNING FROM THE SOVIET UNION.
3. COMMENT: THE PDPA FIGURES MAY BE TEMPORARILY
RELIEVED, AS ARE MANY KAEUL RESIDENTS, BY THE SUDDEN
BREAK OF LONG YEARS OF TENSION THAT THE GORBAACHEV
STATEMENT PROVIDED. THE BLEMYING SPLITTING OF THE POLITICAL
GROUPS IN PAKISTAN MAY ALSO BE WELCOME. WE BELIEVE,
HOWEVER, THAT, IF SOVIET WITHDRAWAL BECOMES A REALITY AND
MUKHAIDIN PRESSURE INCREASES, RATHER THAN DECLINES,
THE PDPA CADRE WILL BE SINGING A DIFFERENT TUNE.

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4. REGARDING THE SUBSTITUTION OF SENIOR ADMINISTRATIVE
PERSONNEL BY INDIVIDUALS RETURNING FROM THE SOVIET
UNION, #2 REGARD THIS AS A PLAUSIBLE PART OF MOSCOW'S
EFFORT TO FORTIFY THE REGIME AND SOVIET INFLUENCE IN

PREPARATION FOR POSSIBLE TROOP WITHDRAWAL. WE WILL SEEK
TO VERIFY HOW WIDESPREAD SUCH A PHENOMENON IS.

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